

EXECUTIVE

Statement of Decisions

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday 21 January 2014. Decisions made by the Executive will be subject to call-in. Recommendations made to the Council are not subject to call-in. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Sarah Selway, Democratic Services (Committees) Manager on 01392 265275 or email sarah.selway@exeter.gov.uk

Rugby World Cup 2015

Agreed	That the update be noted.
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Housing Rents and Service Charges 2014/15

Agreed	<p>(1) rents of Council dwellings are increased by an average of 6% from 1 April 2014 which includes a general inflationary increase of 3.7% together with the phased introduction of the Government's rent restructuring proposals;</p> <p>(2) service charges are increased by 3.7% with the exception of those charges set out below:-</p> <p>(a) 3.2% increase in respect of cleaning communal areas in line with anticipated rises in cleaning contract costs;</p> <p>(b) 0% increase in respect of communal electricity at Weirfield House;</p> <p>(c) 0% increase in respect of water at Magdalen Gardens; and</p> <p>(d) the restructuring of charges in respect of communal gas at Sheltered Sites to reflect the number of properties per site and ensure an equitable apportionment of costs to better reflect consumption. No inflationary increase was proposed; and</p> <p>(3) garage rents are increased by 3.7%.</p>
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

New RAMM Collections Development Policy 2014-19

Agreed	That it is recommended to Council that the new RAMM Collections Development Policy 2014-2019 be formally adopted.
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

Storage of Archives resulting from Developer-Funded Archaeology

Agreed	(1) the new mechanism for dealing with developer-funded archaeological archives since 1 January 2011 and any future archaeological archives be approved; and (2) option 2, as set out in the report, be pursued.
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

A Commitment to Local Employment and Training

Agreed	(1) the progression of the application of Local Labour Agreements to new development proposals of an appropriate scale and size, through the preparation and adoption of a Supplementary Planning Document facilitated by the emerging Draft Development Delivery Development Plan Document be approved; (2) the Exeter and Heart of Devon Employment and Skills Board be encouraged to promote the adoption and application of Local Labour Agreements by developers, employers, local authorities and other stakeholders within and beyond the sub-region. (3) this approach is promoted to the Growth Board partners and developed in partnership with them; and (4) an approach is established to develop and promote the supply of local goods and services to the construction industry alongside local employment, recruitment, apprenticeships and skills training.
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

2014/15 Council Tax Base and NNDR1

Agreed	(1) in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, the amount calculated by Exeter City Council as its tax base for the year 2014/15 shall be 34,344; and (2) responsibility to approve the Council's NNDR1 return by 31 January 2014 be delegated to the Assistant Director Finance (Section 151 Officer).
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

Delegated Authority for Acquisition of new Affordable Housing from S106 receipts (commuted sums)

Agreed	That it is recommended to Council that the Assistant Director Housing be given delegated authority to approve the use of commuted sums, as required, to acquire new affordable housing in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Customer Access and Finance and Estate Officers; and that the Constitution be amended to that effect.
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

Delegated Authority - use of specialist consultants for the provision of Affordable Housing

Agreed	That it is recommended to Council that the Assistant Director Housing be given delegated authority to approve the use of consultants to assist the Housing Development Team in undertaking viability appraisals and the appraisal of new forms of affordable housing delivery in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Customer Access, and that the Constitution be amended to that effect.
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

Results of Public Consultation and Proposed Adoption of Supplementary Planning Document: 'Houses in Multiple Occupation (including Class C4 uses)'

Agreed	(1) the amended Houses in Multiple Occupation SPD at Appendix 2 be adopted; and (2) delegated authority be given to the Portfolio Holder City Development and Assistant Director City Development to agree any minor editorial changes that may prove necessary.
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

Appointments to Outside Bodies

Agreed	That it is recommended that the appointments to Exeter Dispensary and in Sickness Fund and St Sidwell's Parish Lands and Other Charities be agreed by Council.
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the schedule.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 - Exclusion of Press and Public

Agreed:	That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Act.
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Minutes of Exeter and Heart of Devon Growth Board - 16 October 2013

Agreed	That the minutes of the Exeter and Heart of Devon Growth Board of 16 October 2013 be noted.
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The decisions indicated will normally come into force 5 working days after publication of the Statement of Decisions unless called in by a Scrutiny Committee. Where the matter in question is urgent, the decision will come into force immediately. Decisions regarding the policy framework or corporate objectives or otherwise outside the remit of the Executive will be considered by Council on 25 February 2014.